

Monthly Pre-BA Meetings

- Not certain whether a FHWA funded project will require ESA consultation?
- Will my project require informal or formal consultation?
- Has my Biological Assessment covered the right issues?
- Are there ways to minimize impacts on listed species?

The Federal Highway Administration, in collaboration with NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is holding Pre-BA meetings every month to provide an informal review to State and Local Agency projects potentially needing consultation under the Endangered Species Act. These informal reviews do not take the place of consultation, but do provide an opportunity for NOAA and USFWS to comment on proposed projects, and for proponents to consider these comments and take action as necessary.

➤ When is the next Pre-BA Meeting?

The next Pre-BA Meeting will be **Thursday, May 19th, 2005** (see e-mailed distribution for details – the meeting will be in Moses Lake, at the Moses Lake Fire Station at 701 E. Third).

➤ How do I register / what info do I include?

Registration is necessary by noon on Thursday, May 12th.

Contact your Local Programs Engineer and provide the name of the project, the agency presenting, the name, phone number, and email of the individual doing the presentation, and an estimation of how much time you need - e.g. 30 or 60 minutes.

Prepare presentation materials as you feel necessary to convey information about your project in a group setting. Past participants have used aerial photos, easels, handouts, preliminary BA's, and other supporting documents. The meetings are normally held at the NOAA Fisheries / USFWS office in Lacey, as shown below:

